#### PRISONERS AT CAMP CHASE.

#### The Enterprise Displayed in Planning ard Constructing Tunnels-Tools Used.

While at Camp Chase we learned in various ways how some of our fellow-prisoners at Camp Morton were killed—wantonly as we thought—while attempting to escape by tunnels which they had made from within their prison inclosure. Possibly these statements were made to check us in similar efforts for escape, as the planning and constructing of tunnels, carried on with great secrecy, was a popular enterprise for several months in Camp Chase after all hopes of an early exchange were destroyed. We learned and had reasons to believe that when it was known by those in command at Camp Morton that such a tunnel would come out at a certain such a tunnel would come out at a certain point beyond the walls, the guards had orders to shoot any prisoners who made their exit there, and that some were so shot without any other attempt to secure them. For the correctness of this state-ment we must rely on men then confined at Camp Morton to corroborate or deny it. Certain it is that attempts at "tunneling out" were continued at Camp Chase in spite of such statements, up to the very time that all officers confined at Columtime that all officers confined at Columbus, Ohio, including those of Gen. John H. Morgan, were removed in March, 1804, to Fort Delaware, where, if they succeeded in tunneling, their tunnels would come out in the waters of Delaware bay. When we left, a shaft and tunnel were in progress under the floor of our mess-room. Some idea of the extreme difficulty and

slowness of these efforts for liberty may be formed from the following facts: All the work was done in the darkness of the night, after "taps" by details and reliefs from the most trusted men of our number. for spies were kept among us, and it was hard to identify them. After "taps" our fire was allowed to die down. The stove was moved enough from its position to take up some of the rough boards of the loose floor as noiselesly as possible. In this way the shaft was sunk in the earth immediately under the stove, the floor being near the ground. Toward morning everything was carefully put back in its place, and no visible traces of the night's work were left. It may be asked, how did you get tools for digging, and what was done with the dirt removed from these tunnels? A file was obtained by careful management; then a "strap-hinge" was taken from an out house. This hinge made two excellent small hoes for tunnel-

How? With the file the two "straps" of the hinge were cut apart where they unite. The broad part of each "strap" was heated and bent, and then sharpened like a hoe on the broad edge. Each "strap" was fastened with the screws taken from the hinge to a small wooden handle, less than a foot long. This made a convenient and effective hoe for such work, "in close quarters," as the men did who formed the working force in their unique mining. The dirt removed from the tunnels was put in large "pockets" concealed in the clothes of the workers. When these pockets were filled they were emptied into the common "sink," within the prison walls, to which prisoners were allowed access at all hours of the night. Our "sappers and miners" found this work warmer than one might suppose on those winter nights in Ohio; for they were working in narrow tunnels under ground, and they were buoyed by the exciting hope of escape. Your readers would be astonished if informed of the amount of work accomplished by these simple contrivances of our southern soldiers. -J. W. A. Wright in Southern Blyouse.

#### How Travelers Write Their Names. A veteran hotel clerk, who has yelled "front" in every prominent tavern in this country, told me a story about the mannerisms of travelers in registering. man from Boston writes the name of his town first. "In case of sudden death, before he puts down his name he wants you to know where he halls from." The New York man is always in a burry. If he can abbreviate his surname he will do it, and after that he writes "N. Y." A Philadelphia man is just the other way. If he has three given names he will spell them all out in the register, and after the name is completed he writes: "Philadelphia, Penn-sylvania." He is never in a hurry, and generally misses his train. A St. Louis man comes in, holds on to his grip-sack, has comes in, holds on to his grip-sack, lays down on the book, grabs the pen staff as if he thought somebody was going to take it away from him, sticks out his tongue, and, having written his name in a serpent's-trail fashion, writes after it "Mo.," without the name of the town. "Then he asks what time o' day we have the first meal." "A Chicago man comes in and tells his name to the clerk, who writes it. The clerk doesn't ask him where he is from. He knows. You can tell a Chicago man as far as you can see him."--Chicago

Herald. The Percentage of Good Looks. What proportion of good-looking people does one see in the crowded thorough-fares of a city, at the theatres, the balls, the hotels the restaurants? Should the observer count up all he sees in a single day he might make a respectable aggregate but would the percentage of good looks be one in a hundred? There is usually something the matter with the face. It is either too long or too short, too red or too sallow; the nose is retrousse, too long, too short, too highly bridged, or has no bridge at all, is too thin or too bulbous; the eyes are too near together or too far apart, have an undesirable color, are too large, too small, or have an evil expression; the foresmall, or have an evil expression; the fore-head is too high, too low, too narrow, too broad, or out of shape from a phrenolog-ical standpoint; the chin is too short, too weak, too square, too pointed; the mouth, thought by many to be the most expresive feature of the face, may have nameless and numberless deviations from the true type of beauty, while the hair, cars and complexion may be all wrong, and the complexion may be all wrong, and the profile either that of a fish or a pair of nutcrackers. It is sad that we are born and live under such fateful and melancholy conditions, we Americans even, who pride ourselves on being the handsomest people in the universe.—San Francisco Chronical,

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